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GERMANY'S PLEA OF SELF-DEFENSE.

The reply of Germany to the note of President Wilson is substantially what had been anticipated. It is one of self-defense. The main question—that of the sinking of the Lusitania—is evaded, and the destruction of the Gulf liner is attributed to a mistake, while the German government contends that the Falaba attempted to escape when it was torpedoed. These cases, Germany implies can be settled by arbitration.

The reply fails utterly to meet the demands of a majority of the people of the United States, and the newspapers which are supposed to represent the thought of the masses who always grow restive at the slow march of diplomacy are bitter. But we had better wait and let the heads of the nation handle the delicate relations between America and the Fatherland. Italy has just plunged into war. Some of the best Italian statesmen had for months been attempting to check the impetuosity of the multitude who were bent rushing the country into the great conflict. They signally failed, and Von Buelow the German ambassador who had worked assiduously to keep Victor Emmanuel out of the vortex, used significant words in his report to Berlin. They were few but full of meaning—"The streets has won." It is hoped that no such report shall be made of the United States.

While the Gazette believes that President Wilson should insist upon a more satisfactory reply to this country's protestations and that security be accorded American vessels and American citizens, we are opposed to rashness and prefer to allow the State Department to handle the grave issue. Should President Wilson be compelled to announce to the people that diplomacy has failed, it will be time enough to vent our feelings. But we prefer to believe that the matter is still open to discussion.

Most of the newspapers of the country are rabid at the German answer and some profess to speak of the intentions of the administration. It may be safe to say that such observations are not even semi-official.

A few papers take more conservative views of the interchange of notes and make suggestions that should be heeded until the final outcome shall have become known. One of our contemporaries says it is possible that the German Government is merely sparring for time to save its face, and will avoid further outrages to American ships and American citizens.

Another says the German reply suggests that there may be a radical difference of opinion on terms and facts. What controversy was there ever in which there were was not? Without for a moment accepting the German contention, it is recognized that there is a German side to it. The points raised may seem trifling compared to the main issue set forth in the President's note. But can we, as consistent advocates of the arbitration of international questions, deny the further consideration that Germany asks?

Boston papers seem more calm than others. One says there is certainly nothing in the German reply leading to the supposition that it is the deliberate intention of the German government to provoke the United States to war. A dignified approach has been met, if with caution, certainly with dignity. Let it be ours to receive the reply in the same spirit.

Another speaking on similar lines says one thought which inevitably impresses itself upon those who read Germany's reply is that a respect for arbitration has developed suddenly in a quarter where it was not altogether expected.

OBSERVANCE OF DECORATION DAY.

Today the nation commemorates the 350,000 men who died in the Union armies, and all the survivors of those armies who have died in the 50 succeeding years.

As is usual, many Alexandrians and people from the surrounding country will gather in the National Cemetery towards the close of the day to witness the interesting and impressive exercises.

Memorial Day, the occasion on which the south honors the memory of its dead, was celebrated last Monday. These annual observances, occurring as they do within one week of each other, bring many persons together, and as time has about obliterated the issues which brought on the war between the states, the descendants of the wearers of the grey and the blue vie in making both days interesting.

The national celebration has from its institution half a century ago been known as Decoration Day. The ex-Confederates, in order to distinguish the two, have always termed the day they celebrate Memorial Day. Of late years, however, they into have both borne the same name—Memorial Day—time having almost blended the two into one.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Augustus Luckenbill, the Schuylkill Haven, Pa., weather prophet, who has recently met with great success in his predictions, declares that the country will have a cold spell in June equal to the chilly period in May, which caused the frost over numerous sections. "Keep your winter underclothing on," he advises. After the June cold snap there will be some warm weather, and then another cold period in July.

While the weather of the past week has been unseasonable, similar conditions have existed in by-gone years. The weather on the first Sunday in June several years ago was similar to that of yesterday—rainy and cold.

NEWS OF THE DAY

President Wilson has sent a letter to Lieutenant Governor Elyson regretting his inability to attend the reunion in Richmond.

State Senator John A. Lesner has been nominated by Congressman E. E. Holland to succeed Major Clinton Wright as postmaster of Norfolk.

Run over and terribly injured by an automobile, W. G. Weekesser, a private watchman of Philadelphia, ended his agony by shooting himself.

Stockton H. Ewell and Harrison F. McCarthy, University of Wisconsin students, from Baltimore, Md., were drowned in Lake Mendota, Wis., yesterday.

Judge Robert T. Daniel, of Griffin, Ga., sovereign grand sire of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of America, died in Fitzgerald, Ga., last week.

Profound regret is expressed in Richmond that General Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans will be prevented by illness from attending the reunion.

A statement issued last evening by the American Red Cross gives a graphic picture of conditions in Mexico and shows that the people of that country in practically every section are suffering from starvation.

Forty-nine men of the crew of the British battleship Majestic were lost when that vessel was torpedoed off the Gallipoli Peninsula on May 27. The number of men lost on the steamer Princess Irene, which was blown up in Sheerness harbor, exclusive of 78 dockyard workmen, is given as 243.

From now on the administration will vigorously seek to end the chaos which has ruled in Mexico for the last few years. The different Mexican leaders are to be informed that the time has come for them to stop fighting between themselves and agree on a government which the United States can recognize.

Struck by a pitched ball, Antonio Ponzillo, of Baltimore, was knocked unconscious yesterday morning. He is in a serious condition at St. Joseph's Hospital. The surgeons say he has a concussion of the brain. Ponzillo was playing "sides" on a lot at Highland avenue and McElrath street when injured. The ball struck him on the nose.

In hopes of getting a "movie" contract, a man believed to be Henry Clark, of Philadelphia, yesterday climbed the cables to Manhattan

Tower, the highest point of Brooklyn Bridge, and leaped. He struck the water 200 feet below on his back, paddled helplessly for less than a minute, and then sank. His body has not been recovered.

The Chinese crisis has been followed by serious internal political dissensions in Japan. Attacks upon the ministry continue in the diet, the sessions of which are attended by large crowds, including many women, who are conducting a feminist propaganda. The opposition is arranging to introduce a resolution censuring the cabinet, charging a diplomatic failure in the Chinese negotiations, official interference in the national election, and the expenditure of national funds without the approval of the diet.

A Reuter dispatch from Athens says the captain of a Greek ship arriving at Piræus reports that warships of the Allies on May 25 bombarded Adalia, Makri, Kakava and other places along the coast of Asia Minor, destroying Government buildings and public works. About the same time heavy firing was heard at Samos from the direction of the Gulf of Smyrna. British warships also are reported to have bombarded and destroyed a petrol depot on the Asiatic coast, from which a German submarine was supposed to have obtained supplies.

A committee of 100 of the prominent men of the country, headed by former President Taft, have issued a call for a conference to be held in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, on June 17, to consider the adoption of proposals for a league of peace or league of nations. It is proposed that the United States shall become one of the league of powers which shall agree to use their joint military forces to prevent any one of their number from going to war with another before recourse is had to a judicial tribunal; or, where the question in dispute is not justifiable to an international council of conciliation.

The greatest battle of the war, more terrific than that of the Marne, when the allies drove the Germans back from Paris, is raging around the fortresses of Przemyśl, and both the Teutons and Russians claim victory. The Russians in an official statement announce that they have checked the advance of the Germans, have captured more than a hundred thousand prisoners and huge quantities of munitions, and have cut Gen. Mackensen's line of supplies, while the Germans say they have enveloped the fortress, and expect to capture it in a few days. The wounded on both sides have been enormous. Germany is making a supreme effort to capture the stronghold and free her armies for use against Italy.

VIRGINIA NEWS

James Floyd Oliver, who was struck by an automobile in Richmond, died yesterday from his injuries.

Thos. W. Spradling, aged 66, died at the University Hospital at Charlottesville, from the effects of burns sustained about 10 days ago.

Without ceremonies of any kind, a granite and bronze monument was erected Saturday by the United States government over the grave in Hollywood cemetery, in Richmond, of John Tyler, tenth president of the United States.

The sealing steamer Beothic, bound for the Labrador coast, with more than 200 passengers, struck an iceberg off Trinity Bay Saturday night. Her bow was crushed in, but she was able to keep afloat, and no one on board was injured.

G. D. Organ, 17 years old, an apprentice seaman, Company Q, of the main training camp, St. Helena station, was instantly killed by a Norfolk Southern yard engine Saturday night at the intersection of Lafayette avenue, Oakdale, South Norfolk, the wheels of the engine completely severing Organ's head from his body.

The reunion exercises in Richmond began at 10 o'clock this morning. The usual Hollywood Memorial parade was held this afternoon. All the local military commands took part. The memorial address, which was to have been delivered by General Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, who is too ill to attend the reunion, was delivered by Judge George L. Christian.

Charles Robinett, a merchant at Appalachia, Wise county, shot and killed a young chauffeur named Carrier, near Appalachia, yesterday evening. Carrier, who operated a car between Appalachia and Stonega, struck Robinett; it is said, with his car as

he left for Stonega in the afternoon. Arming himself, Robinett is alleged to have waited Carrier's return. A quarrel followed, resulting in Robinett using his revolver. Robinett was arrested.

The suit of Miss E. C. Winfree, of Richmond, formerly a teacher in the Jefferson School at Falls Church, for the recovery of \$500 damages on account of alleged breach of contract, was before the Fairfax Circuit Court and a jury last week. It ended in a verdict for the defendants. Miss Winfree was dismissed from her place February 24, 1914, and claimed that she was entitled to pay under her contract for the remainder of the school session, amounting to \$243.75. The school board maintained that she was dismissed because there were no funds to pay her salary and that they had the power to do so under the contract.

OFFICIAL

Board of Aldermen
At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held May 29, 1915, there were present:

Henry K. Field, esq. President, and Messrs. Brill, Ballenger Wilkins, and Summers.

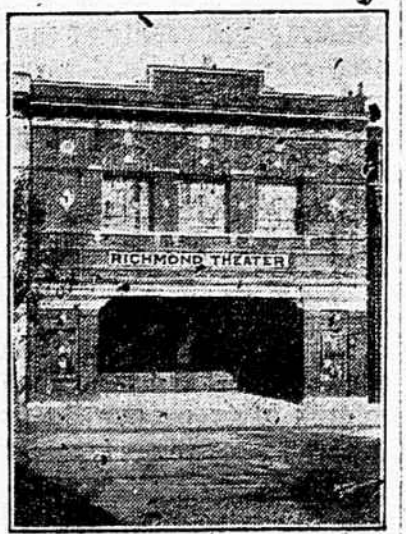
An ordinance for imposing and collecting taxes on persons, real estate, tangible personal property and stockholders of banks within the city of Alexandria for the year commencing June 1st, 1915, and ending May 31, 1916, for the support of the city government, payment of interest on the city debt and for other municipal expenses, received from the Common Council May 25, 1915, and laid over, was read the second and third times and passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Brill, Ballenger, Wilkins, Summers and Mr. President—5. Noes none.

The board then adjourned.
HENRY K. FIELD, President
Teste: Luther H. Thompson, Clerk.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Special offer to school children—6 post cards and 1 folder photo for 75c
Have your picture made in your May day costume.
THE JAMESON STUDIO.
425 King Street

Richmond Theater



TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Broadway Favorites starring Fania Marinoff in.

The Lure of Mammon
Three acts

Rose O' The Shore
Biograph.

Hearst-Selig News Pictorial

Comedy not yet received for announcement.

WEDNESDAY
Lottie Pickford, Irving Cummings and William Russell in.

The Diamond From The Sky
Chapter Three "The Silent Witness" \$10,000 for a suggestion.

THURSDAY

Francis X. Bushman in.

The Accounting
Essanay drama in three acts produced in conjunction with the complete prize mystery story published in the Ladies' World Magazine.

"On account of my confinement in the printing office I have for years been a chronic sufferer from indigestion and liver trouble. A few weeks ago I had an attack that was so severe that I was not able to go to the case for two days. Failing to get any relief from any other treatment I took three of Chamberlain's Tablets and the next day I felt like a new man" writes H. C. Bailey, Editor Carolina News, Chapin, S. C. Obtainable everywhere.

SAMUEL H. LUNT, Auctioneer

By virtue of a decree of the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, rendered May 10th, 1915, in the chancery cause of Samuel P. Fisher, Adm'r. c. t. a. etc. vs John P. Steiner, et al., the undersigned Special Commissioners of Sale will sell at public auction at 12 o'clock noon, on SATURDAY, JUNE 5th, 1915, in front of the Royal Street entrance of the market building Alexandria, Virginia, the following real estate in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, viz:—

Beginning on the north side of King street at the east wall of the tenement and lot of ground now occupied by the Alexandria National Bank (formerly occupied by Isaac Eichberg as a dry goods store) and running thence east on King street fifteen (15) feet more or less to the line of the tenement and lot of ground formerly owned and occupied by William Arnold, thence north parallel with Royal street thirty-five (35) feet nine (9) inches more or less, thence west parallel with King street fifteen (15) feet more or less, the length of the first line and thence south in a direct line thirty-five (35) feet nine (9) inches more or less to the beginning; together with the improvements thereon.

Beginning at the north east corner of the above described lot of ground and running thence west with the north line of said land 15 feet more or less to the north west corner thereof; thence north with west line of said land extended 11 feet 9 inches more or less to a point south of the southern line of Jones' lot and 15 feet distant therefrom, thence east parallel with King street 15 feet more or less to a point in east line extended of said above described lot of ground and thence south with said east line extended to the place of beginning; together with the improvements thereon; subject however to the condition contained in the deed from Lizzie G. Cheving, widow to J. P. Steiner, and others recorded in Deed Book No. 49 page 556 of the land records of said city.

The above described two parcels of land being known as premises No. 323 King street and will be sold as one parcel.

Lots No. 57 and 58 Block No. 5 in a certain plat of lots called George Washington Park, surveyed by D. J. Howell, Surveyor, as shown on the plat thereof which is duly recorded among the land records of the County of Fairfax, Va., Sept. 1908 in Liber A No 7 folio 146 et seq.

A lot of ground in Alexandria county, Virginia, designated and known as lot numbered 674 in a certain plan of lots called "Del Ray", (now the town of Potomac), surveyed by D. J. Howell, Surveyor, as shown on the plat thereof, which is duly recorded among the Records in the office of the clerk of the Court for Alexandria County in Liber O. No. 4 folio 440, etc.

The terms of sale: 1-3 of the purchase money in cash and the residue in two equal installments at six and twelve months from the date of sale or all cash at the option of the purchaser. The deferred installments to bear interest at the legal rate and to be evidenced by the notes of the purchasers thereof, and secured by the retention of the title until the payment of the purchase money in full or said notes be secured by deed of trust upon the property.

Conveyances to be at the cost of the purchasers.

JOHN M. JOHNSON
SAMUEL P. FISHER

Commissioners of sale.
This is to certify that John M. Johnson, one of the Special Commissioners has given bond as required in the above suit with sufficient security.

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY,
Clerk of Corporation Court

IN THE CORPORATION COURT FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

Edward L. Santmyer

vs

Eva G. Santmyer.

Upon the written application of the complainant duly made and filed together with an affidavit made by the complainant of the defendant's non-residence, the said affidavit stating the last known address of the said defendant as No. 718 Shepherd Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., and it appearing from the Sergeant's return that the said defendant cannot be found within his bailiwick, nor within the jurisdiction of the State of Virginia, the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, does on this 5th day of May 1915, enter the following order of publication against the defendant.

The object of this suit is to obtain for the complainant an absolute divorce from the defendant, on the ground of wilful desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit, and for general relief.

It is ordered that the defendant appear within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect her interest in this suit; that a copy of this order of publication be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper printed and published in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; that a copy of said order of publication be posted at the front door of the Court house of the said city on or before the next succeeding rule day after this order is entered, and that a copy of the same be mailed to the last known address of the defendant, at No. 718 Shepherd Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., by the Clerk, by registered mail.

A Copy Teste:

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk

Samuel C. Brant, P. Q.

SAMUEL H. LUNT, AUCTIONEER

Auction Sale of valuable tract of land in the County of Alexandria, Virginia, near the northern limits of the City of Alexandria, Virginia. "PUSANT" to the terms of a decree rendered by the Circuit Court of the County of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 29th day of April 1915, in the chancery cause of Elizabeth Darling, Guardian etc., vs. Lillian E. Darling, et al., therein depending, the undersigned who by the terms of said decree were appointed Special Commissioners for the purpose, will offer for sale at public auction, on the premises, at 3 o'clock P. M., on TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1915, all that lot or parcel of land on the Alexandria and Washington Turnpike, near the north line of the corporation of Alexandria, bounded as follows:—

Beginning at the northwest corner of the lot conveyed by the executors of A. C. Cazenove to John Withers and running thence with said Withers' line north 84 1-2 degrees east 41 1-4 poles to the said Alexandria and Washington Turnpike, thence with said Turnpike north 24 degrees west 27 1-2 poles, more or less, to the line of the lot assigned to the heirs of Angus W. McDonald by the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court of Alexandria Co., Virginia, in the chancery cause of Funston vs. McDonald; thence with the said line south 84 1-2 degrees west to the old "Georgetown Road"; thence south 4 1-2 degrees east with the said road to the beginning, containing five (5) acres, three (3) rods and twenty four (24) perches, and being Lot numbered one, assigned to the heirs of David Funston by the Commissioners mentioned in the above mentioned suit, and confirmed by decree of the said Circuit Court entered November 6 1879; the late Selwood Darling having died seized and possessed of said property.

Terms of Sale:—One fourth cash and the balance in 6, 12, and 18 months, the deferred payments to be evidenced by the notes of the purchaser, bearing interest at six per cent per annum, and the title to be retained until the purchase price is paid in full, or at the option of the purchaser all cash may be paid Conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser.

GRANDAL MACKEY
GARDNER L. BOOTHE

THOS. H. PATTERSON,

Special Commissioners of Sale.
I, George H. Rucker, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Alexandria, Virginia, do hereby certify that Gardner L. Boothe, one of the above mentioned Special Commissioners of Sale has entered into bond with approved security, in accordance with the requirements of the above mentioned decree.

GEORGE H. RUCKER,
Clerk.

At a Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, continued and held at the Court house of said City on Tuesday, May 11th, 1915.

Present: Hon. Louis C. Barley

Judge.

Lawrence Morris, Complainant.

vs.

IN CHANCERY
Emma Beam Morris, Defendant.

An affidavit having been duly made as required by law, that the defendant is a non resident of the State of Virginia, and that she cannot be found within the jurisdiction of this State, and the Sergeant having made a return upon the original process or summons issued herein that the defendant is a non-resident of his bailiwick, and application having been duly made in writing and in open court for an order of publication against the defendant to appear and answer a bill in Chancery filed by the complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of wilful desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit, and an order of publication having been duly granted in open court, it is therefore ordered that said defendant do appear here within 15 days after due publication hereof to answer the suit of complainant against the defendant for an absolute divorce on the grounds of wilful desertion and abandonment for more than three years prior to the institution of this suit, and to do what may be necessary to protect her interests in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in Alexandria, Va., and that a copy be sent by registered mail by the Clerk of this Court to the last known place of address, residence and abode of defendant, to-wit: 2423 M St., N. W. Washington, D. C. as stated in the application for this order of publication which shall be certified by the clerk of this court, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse of this court on or before the next rule day of this court.

Teste:

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk

Robinson Moncre, P. Q.

COLONIAL BEACH

Decoration Day Trips

Steamer ST. JOHNS

The Queen of the Potomac

Saturday May 29th, 3 p. m.

Sunday, May 30th, 9:30 a. m.

Monday, May 31st, 9:30 a. m.

Aid every Saturday and Sunday thereafter until beginning of regular schedule, June 25th.

Fare: Adults, returning same day 50c; Stop over \$1.00. Children one half fare.

MOONLIGHT SAILS

Every day except Saturday and Sunday and Decoration Day at 7:30 p. m. Adults 25c, Children 15c.

Wharf: Foot of Cameron Street

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In effect April 18, 1915

N. B.—Following schedule figures are published only as information and are not guaranteed.

Trains leave Union Station, Alexandria.

7:47 A. M., Daily—Local between Washington & Danville delivers connection daily except Sunday at Orange to C & O. No. 403 for Gordonsville and Richmond.

8:47 A. M., Daily—Local for Harrisburg and way stations. Buffet parlor car.

8:37 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points south to which scheduled to stop.

First class coaches Sleeping cars to Birmingham and New Orleans. Dining car service. Stops at Calverton to let off Warrenton branch passengers.

10:32 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro and Charlotte.

3:52 P. M. Daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.

4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Anniston Birmingham, Augusta, Savannah and Jacksonville, through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service Tourist to California daily.

4:12 P. M.—Limited for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

6:12 P. M.—Local for Warrenton.

10:02 P. M.—Daily Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke, Dining car service.

11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining Car Service.

4:27 A. M. Daily—Memphis special Sleeping car and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining Car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m.

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